Child Support Debt

Age of Debt	Debt to Other States		Debt to State of Iowa		Debt to Families	
1 Month to 1 Year	\$	41,993	\$	5,223,257	\$	57,432,728
1 to 2 Years		38,527		4,442,625		44,930,427
2 to 3 Years		35,004		4,150,578		39,598,444
3 to 4 Years		34,635		4,207,082		36,049,099
4 to 5 Years		28,033		4,333,300		33,539,379
5 to 10 Years		233,660		27,508,209		157,045,992
10 to 15 Years		283,995		35,550,563		127,536,695
15 to 20 Years		211,440		42,256,817		83,199,182
More than 20 Years		258,309		83,268,888		44,355,834
Total	\$	1,165,597	\$	210,941,319	\$	623,687,780

Notes:

- 1) In 1997, the General Assembly repealed the statute of limitations for child support debt.
- 2) New cases with existing debt is a key factor in the total amount of debt owed. In FY 2017, Child Support opened 1,894 cases with existing debt of \$8,490,749.12.
- 3) Approximately 28.0% of the debt owed to the State of lowa is owed on cases where a parent lives in another state. There are 23,701 cases where the parent lives in another state.
- 4) A portion of the debt owed to lowa (approximately two-thirds), when paid, will be returned to the federal government to offset federal costs of supporting these families.
- 5) This data represents total debt owed on Title IV-D Child Support Recovery Unit cases only. The number of Title IV-D cases in Iowa was 167,702 as of June 30, 2017.

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